

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A recording method for a record medium having a plurality of pieces of input data stored thereon in which each piece of input data represents a respective audio file and the plurality of pieces of input data are grouped into album programs, comprising the steps of:

selecting one or more of the plurality of pieces of input data to receive management information;

adding respective right information containing at least copyright management information individually to each of the selected one or more pieces of input data;

~~performing a signal process on~~encrypting the album programs and the plurality of pieces of the input data including the selected ones of the plurality of pieces of input data to which the right information has been added; wherein each album program and each piece of input data is encrypted using different encryption keys; and

recording the processed data on the record medium.

Claims 2-4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (previously presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

selecting a first manner of which the right information is added to the selected ones of the plurality of pieces of input data or a second manner of which the right information is added to all of the plurality of pieces of the input data as a group corresponding to supplied designation information.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A recording apparatus for a record medium having a plurality of pieces of input data stored thereon in which each piece of input data represents a

respective audio file and the plurality of pieces of input data are grouped into album programs, comprising:

a management information-selecting circuit portion for selecting one or more of the plurality of pieces of input data to receive management information;

a first adding circuit portion for adding respective right information individually to each of the selected one or more pieces of input data;

a second adding circuit portion for adding right information to all of the plurality of pieces of the input data as a group;

a signal processing portion for encrypting the album programs and the plurality of pieces of the input data; wherein each album program and each piece of input data is encrypted using different encryption keys;

a recording portion for recoding data on the record medium corresponding to output data of said signal processing portion; and

a selecting circuit portion for selectively supplying output data of said first adding circuit portion or output data of said second adding circuit portion to said signal processing portion.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 6, further comprising:

a first encrypting circuit portion for performing an encrypting process on the output data of said first adding circuit portion; and

a second encrypting circuit portion for performing an encrypting process on the output data of said second adding circuit portion,

wherein said first encrypting circuit portion is disposed between said first adding circuit portion and said selecting circuit portion, and

wherein said second encrypting circuit portion is disposed between said second adding circuit portion and said selecting circuit portion.

Claims 8-37. (canceled)